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REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 10, and 13 are now pending in this application and have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 11, 12, and 14 have been cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution.

Claims 11-12 and 14 were objected to, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent No. DE19842532. Claims 1, 9 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over German Patent No. DE19842532 in view of Lequesne (IEEE article).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of its dependent claim 11. Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of its dependent claim 12. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of its dependent claim 14. Claim 9 remains dependent from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 10, and 13 are allowable.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 9, 10, and 13, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

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To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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